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SUBJECT: US-NETHERLANDS AVIATION AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT OF US AND
NETHERLANDS DELEGATIONS CONCERNING NORTH ATLANTIC AIR SER-
VICES ISSUED ON MARCH 11:

QUOTE. DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF
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THE NETHERLANDS HAVE AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERN-
MENTS THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANT-
LY EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-FARE COMPETITIVE SER-
VICES, BOTH SCHEDULED AND CHARTER, BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
THE AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT CHARTER TRAFFIC DEPARTING FROM ONE
COUNTRY TO BE CARRIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH RULES AS THAT
COUNTRY MAY PROMULGATE. SIMILARLY, FARES AND RATES FOR

TRAFFIC MOVING FROM ONE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER ON SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES WILL, UNDER THE AGREEMENT, BE SUBJECT TO THE SOLE CONTROL OF THE FIRST COUNTRY.

THESE PROVISIONS, WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE IN EFFECT IN OTHER BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS, WILL HELP AVOID THE KIND OF INTERGOVERNMENT DISPUTES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN SEVERAL SITUATIONS AND WILL ALLOW, WITH A MINIMUM OF GOVERNMENTAL INTERVENTION, THE FREE PLAY OF

NORMAL MARKET FORCES TO THE BENEFIT OF THE CONSUMER.

THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL HAVE EQUAL COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SERVICES AUTHORIZED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE AGREEMENT WILL ALSO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIRECT SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN US CITIES AND THE NETHERLANDS. US AIRLINES WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE RIGHTS TO PROVIDE SCHEDULED SERVICES BETWEEN ANY CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMSTERDAM AND TO POINTS BEYOND. NETHERLANDS AIRLINES WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE LANDING RIGHTS AT NEW YORK, CHICAGO, AND HOUSTON AND WILL RECEIVE NEW LANDING RIGHTS AT LOS ANGELES AND ANOTHER US POINT TO BE SELECTED BY THE NETHERLANDS.

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CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD NEXT JUNE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR AGREEMENT AND POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ROUTES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD TO CONCLUDE WITHIN SIX MONTHS A NEW AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT COVERING ALL TYPES OF AIR SERVICE, WHICH COULD SERVE AS A MODEL BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD IN WASHINGTON FROM MARCH 6-10. THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY MICHAEL H. STYLES, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AVIATION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND ROBERT L. M. SCHREURS, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION OF THE NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS.
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